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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

The Secretary also expressed a great interest in going ahead with the quiet moves of increased military preparedness in Europe along the lines he had discussed with General Norstad. Specifically he said that he was anxious to have atomic weapons moved into Germany as promptly as possible, believing that this would be picked up by Soviet intelligence but not by the general public.

Livingston T. Merchant

Orig. - Mr. Murphy through S/S *[initials]*  
cc - Mr. Kohler, Mr. Hillenbrand, Mr. Timmons

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